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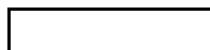
Mr. Richard Helms
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Dear Dick:

How typical of you to thank a fellow for attending his award dinner. However, that was not the primary reason I was overjoyed to be present at that happy event. This award and your elevation to the Seventh Floor signifies to me the coming of age of the intelligence profession in these United States.

Years ago, when I represented another element in this Community, you used to talk about the need for "Statesmen" in this business; now we have one at the very top. We are really on our way, my friend, and I will do my best to help.

Sincerely,



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